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**Gladstone Kiwanis Club
Helps Kids Reach
For The Stars**

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Key Leader Camps Coming Soon

The MoArk District will be holding annual Key Leader camps in just a few months, so now is the time to start thinking about candidates your club can sponsor for this great Kiwanis program.

Key Leader is a weekend experiential leadership program for today's young leaders. This life-changing event focuses on service leadership as the first, most meaningful leadership-development experience. A Key Leader will learn the most important lesson of leadership—it comes from helping *others* succeed. Participants begin by attending a Key Leader conference, which is a weekend retreat. Large and small group workshops, discussions and team-building activities take place over the course of the weekend. Students have opportunities to learn leadership skills that will help them to change their schools, communities, and world for the better. While exploring leadership in a whole new way, participants will make amazing new friends and have experiences they will never forget. Positive, ongoing interaction with other Key Leader graduates offers continuing reinforcement, encouragement and growth of leadership skills.

The Missouri Key Leader camp will be held Oct. 12-14 at Camp Mihaska in Bourbon. The Arkansas Key Leader camp will be held Nov. 2-4 at Camp Tanako in Hot Springs.

For more information about the program visit the Key Leader website at www.key-leader.org or contact MoArk Key Leader Coordinator John Goss at johnginlr@aol.com.

Governor's Message

Dear MO-ARK Kiwanians.

I can't believe I am writing my farewell article, this year has flown by so quickly. I have enjoyed almost every minute of my time as Governor and look forward to what Gary brings to the district.

We are still up 360 members for the year, I hope you are all cleaning up your rosters now so we don't have any last minute surprises. Many clubs are not up to date with their monthly reports with only until October 1st to have them all entered. Your annual report will not be correct if the monthly reports are not all entered. Club officers have until October 1st to complete their training, which will probably be online at this point as most regions or divisions have had the in-person training sessions already. My last reminder is to file all paperwork for distinguished division, club, and member before October 1st. Remember K.I. has a separate distinguished form than MO-ARK and some will qualify for only one and others for both. File for distinguished now!!! We have at least 101 clubs that qualify to be a Kiwanis International distinguished club based on an increase in membership this year. The MO-ARK form is on the webpage and is very different than K.I. but the same as last year and will be the same for next year.

One of my goals was to open ten new clubs this year, as my centennial gift to the district. I am going to fall a bit short, we have six already opened and three very strong possibilities to be opened in September. We have two more on the list that will open under Gary's term, with more to come.

Thank you all for your support and encouragement during this past year. MO-ARK is one of the best districts with such awesome and giving Kiwanians and partners. I look forward to serving you as Immediate Past Governor and remaining on the Board for one more year. I have goals I will complete, even if I don't get them done by October 1st.

I have met wonderful people and seen beautiful places throughout my travels and hope to visit clubs for charter nights and anniversary celebrations.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, and God bless each of you for everything you are doing in the name of Kiwanis. #kidsneedkiwanis

Go forth and multiply, MO-ARK is growing again!

Cheryl

The Malvern Area Kiwanis Club turned eight years old on Friday, July 27. Since its establishment in 2010, the Malvern Area Kiwanis Club has raised about \$52,000 for children's charities. Money raised by the club goes to various children's organizations and charities, including a Kiwanis scholarship. This year, Malvern Kiwanis awarded about \$1,125 in scholarships to three students who won an essay contest and made a presentation in front of the club.

Kiwanis Honors

We're proud of ...

Kiwanis in Action

News from the Clubs



Kids in the Phoenix Family HIKE program celebrated the end of summer by partying with members of the Gladstone (MO) Kiwanis Club. Kiwanians Gary Goebel, Earl Reyes, Adam Schwery, and April DeNatale joined the kids for pizza and helped them make model rockets for an imaginary trip to outer space.

The Kiwanis Club of South County (MO) recognized Clayton Brown and Thomas Gleiforst, who recently competed in the National TSA (Technology Student Association) competition in Atlanta, GA representing Oakville High School. The students are given a problem and have a short period of time to solve it. Clayton competed in CAD Architecture (Computer Aided Drafting), designing a "green" townhouse in a city setting, while Thomas was given a coding problem to solve. Clayton and Thomas placed First and Second in their respective competitions on the state level to qualify for the national competition. Pictured with Clayton and Thomas are OHS TSA Advisor Jim Kreyling and South County Kiwanis President Pauline Roth.





The Fayetteville Metro Kiwanis club adopted the Red Oak Park located in the Bridgeport Sub-division in Fayetteville, Arkansas. The club participates in the citywide Adopt a Park and Trail Program, and is responsible for monthly trash pickup at the park. It's a great way to invite friends, family, members and potential members together for fun and fellowship while giving back to the community.

Pictured left to right: Krystal and Micah Thompson, William Johnson, Jason Wallis, Bo Branch, Michelle and Jim Price, Whitney and Wyatt Branch, Kelci and Chris Gatling

Kiwanis in Action News from the Clubs



Seven members of the Union Kiwanis Club and two members of the Clark-Vitt Elementary School K-Kids club took to the Bourbeuse River for Operation Clean Stream Saturday, Aug. 11. The team collected a toddler pool, a broken ladder, six tires and other trash and debris along a four-mile route.

Pictured - Front Row: Kiwanis member Diane Burnett with K-Kids Zach Reeves and Vincent Butterfield. Back Row: (from left) Jack Schneider, Kiwanis members Gary and Karen Butterfield, Elizabeth Soetebier, Abby and David Painter and Rich Sandoval.

The Kiwanis Club of Gladstone (MO) presented a \$1000 scholarship to Madlin Tutu, from Oak Park High School. Madlin was a member of the Key Club, AFS International Club, & Diversity Council, played tennis and ran track. She plans to attend Maple Woods Community College then transfer to UMKC to major in Biology. Her stated goal is to become a multi-lingual health care provider and travel the world helping others.



Kiwanis in Action

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In July the Kiwanis Club of Crestwood - Sunset Hills recognized Brandon Myers and Lt. Nick Hill from the Crestwood Fire Department as their First Responders of the Month.



The Kiwanis Club of South County-St. Louis and Feed My People recently teamed up to offer free backpacks filled with school supplies for elementary and middle school students to begin the new school year. South County Kiwanis provided the backpacks and school supplies while Feed My People provided the students with a light supper, games and the opportunity to choose a backpack of their choice.

The Kiwanis Club of Maplewood (MO) raffled off a signed jersey from St. Louis Cardinals player Yadier Molina and presented the \$500 proceeds to the Maplewood Richmond Heights School District Seed to Table Program. Each of the district's four schools has a garden for students to grow and harvest produce for their school lunch program.



Pictured L-R: Phil Johnson & Barry Greenberg (Maplewood Kiwanis), Karen Hall (MRH Superintendent), Alexis Miano (Winner of the Raffle) and her son, Salvador Miano, Melissa Breed-Parks (MRH Seed to Table Gardener/Teacher), Norah vonzurMuehlen & Miles Paul (Students), Tom Morbelli, Kurt Matlock (Maplewood Kiwanis President), Jessica Mathis (Seed to Table Gardener/Teacher)



The Kiwanis Club of Gladstone continued the 16 year tradition of Kiwanians providing a picnic to honor children who successfully completed the NKC Library Summer Reading Program. Platte County Bank partnered with the library and the Kiwanis club to sponsor this event.

Kiwanis in Action News from the Clubs

Read to Excell was created at the request of many teachers to target older, struggling readers. When the Kiwanis Club of Cape Girardeau learned this program was disappearing because grant money was running out, they came to the rescue. Partnering with the United Way of Southeast Missouri, Kiwanians will provide funding and volunteer tutors to ensure this program continues in Cape Girardeau and Scott City schools.



The Kiwanis Club of South County - St. Louis recently honored PVT Kelly Pettus of the Mehlville Fire Protection District as its "Firefighter/Paramedic of the Quarter." PVT Pettus is pictured with South County Kiwanis President Pauline Roth and Deputy Chief Kent Snelson.



Reese Ramsey of the Huntsville Middle School Builder's Club was the winner of the Mo-Ark District and Kiwanis Children's Fund Leadership award. He is a dedicated, humble member that exemplifies the standards of Builder's Club. Reese received a medallion, \$100 gift card and certificate with his award.

District Convention

August 2 - 5, 2018



The Convention opened on Friday night with a Welcome Dinner and celebration of MoArk's 100th Anniversary. The Republic High School Air Force JROTC presented the colors (above far left) and Springfield Mayor Ken McClure offered an official welcome to the city (above near left). Kiwanians were given a "candle" to add to the ceremonial "cake", with MoArk Governor Cheryl Anderson placing the final candle to kick off the celebration (below left). In her remarks, Gov. Anderson noted that MoArk membership is up by 366 Kiwanians.



At the 1st General Session on Saturday, Kiwanis International representative Brian Tenclinger told the gathered Kiwanians about the corporate partnerships program, which can provide new opportunities for community service and non-dues sources of revenue (right). To learn more visit the website at www.kiwanis.org/partners.

District Service Leadership chairs gave their reports and District Eliminate Chair Roger Jespersen gave an update on the progress of the Eliminate Project. Through the efforts of Kiwanians around the world Neo-natal Maternal Tetanus has been eliminated in 23 countries, leaving only 14 to be validated as MNT free.





Saturday morning brought opportunities for Kiwanis education during the breakout sessions. John Hoffman conducted a session on Kiwanis Youth Protection standards (right). Spud Westmoreland (left) brought us up to

date on progress on the Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Camp in northwest Arkansas. Tent pads have been completed in all the campsites and water line has been run to the pavillion. Electricity to the pavillion should be installed by the end of the year. The next goal is construction of dual vault restrooms with showers.



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At the Kiwanis Family Lunch we heard from Circle K Governor Ashley Shahan (below right) and Key Club Governor Spencer Marrow (below far right). Lt. Col. Boone, U.S. Army Public Affairs Officer from Ft. Leonard Wood (above right) addressed Kiwanians about the U.S. Army partnership with Kiwanis International. Niki Kiruki from the Boys and Girls Clubs (and also a Kiwanian) presented an Impact Award to the St. Charles club (above).



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The highlight of the convention was the annual Governor's Banquet on Saturday night. Governor Cheryl Anderson and Governor Elect Gary Baker read proclamations from the Governors of Missouri and Arkansas celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the MoArk District.

In her farewell remarks, Governor Cheryl spoke of the past year in terms of a baseball game with membership growth reflecting the score. She said the game started slow in the 1st inning but the "team" improved as the game went on. There was a slump at mid-game but the team refocused by the 9th inning and finished strong, being recognized at the Kiwanis International Convention for excellent membership growth. She expressed her thanks for the hospitality she received from the clubs as she travelled around the district, and expressed her gratitude to her husband, the Immediate Past Governor, her team of club builders, the board of directors, the District Secretary, and Convention Chair.



Gov. Elect Gary Baker installs newly elected Gov. Elect Designate Ron Hill.

Governor Elect Gary Baker was installed as 2018-19 MoArk Governor, and installed Ron Hill as 2018-19 Governor Elect. The Lt. Governor class of 2017-18 was formally retired by Governor Cheryl and the Lt. Governors for 2018-19 were installed by incoming Governor Gary Baker.

Left: We were honored to have all four women who have served as MoArk Governor present for the festivities.

Below: Newly installed Lt. Governors at the Governor's Banquet.





Of course, as always, there was plenty of good Kiwanis fellowship for everyone. There were also some great items available for bid in the silent auction.



District Convention August 2 - 5, 2018

The convention closed Sunday morning with a devotional and Ceremony of Remembrance for MoArk Kiwanians who passed away in 2017-18. Chuck SeEVERS from the Kiwanis Club of Bridgeton (above right) provided the inspirational message. During the Ceremony of Remembrance, District Secretary Mary Vaughan read the names of deceased Kiwanians while Governor Cheryl struck the gong for each name and her husband Richard placed a carnation in the vase (above left). Finally, there was the ceremonial passing of the Governor's Home Club banner (right).



Candidate for Governor Elect



Hi! My name is A.C. Paxton. I am announcing my Candidacy for 2019-20 Governor Elect of the Mo-Ark District. I've been a Kiwanian since 1977, with over 20 years of perfect attendance. I have served as President of the Benton, AR, Kiwanis club and the Benton, AR, Golden K club, Kiwanian of the year, Distinguished Lt. Governor, and currently serving as

Trustee for Division 7. I have attended 3 International Conventions. During my term as Lt. Governor we chartered a new Kiwanis club in Malvern, AR with 45 chartered members, I served as co-chair with Gwen Bonds for the Mo-Ark District Convention in Hot Springs, AR in 2011, and assisted Clark Hopper in starting a new club in Bryant, AR. I previously was elected and served as Alderman for the city of Benton, AR. My wife Linda and I owned and operated the Credit Bureau of Saline County for 40 years, retiring in Sept 2016. We have one Daughter, Tracy and son-in-law Tim, as well as a granddaughter Alex and her fiancé Bodie, and a grandson Colby. Alex was a member of Circle K while a student at UCA in Conway, AR. We attend New Life Church. "I LOVE KIWANIS" and am ready to serve and lead the Mo-Ark Kiwanians as Governor and would like to respectfully ask for your support and vote at our District Convention in 2019.

Kiwanis Calendar

Oct.	12-14 2018	Key Leader Camp Camp Mihaska Bourbon, Missouri
Nov.	2-4 2018	Key Leader Camp Camp Tanako Hot Springs, Arkansas
Feb.	21-24 2019	Midwinter Conference Hilton DoubleTree Suites Bentonville, Arkansas
June	27-30 2019	Kiwanis International Conv. Walt Disney World Resort Orlando, Florida

Kiwanigram Submissions

Information to be included in the Kiwanigram may be submitted by mail to 1022 E. Greenwood St., Springfield, MO 65807, or by e-mail to Kiwanigram@gmail.com. Please include the name and location of your club. Information about Service Leadership clubs and events may also be submitted. Photos from club service projects are always welcome. Preference will be given to photos of Kiwanians participating in and interacting with children at service projects. Please include a brief description of the project and the names of the Kiwanians featured in the photo if possible. The deadline for submissions is 5:00 p.m. on the first Friday of the month in which the issue will appear.

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Division 5

Merritt Beck
Centralia

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Robert Smith
Columbia

Division 9

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Maplewood

Division 12

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Carthage

Division 12

Jerry Wells
Joplin

Division 13

Gene Hutcheson
Bolivar

Division 14

Holly Thomas
Jackson

Division 15

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Batesville/Cave City

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Charles Moxon
Bentonville

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